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In re Application of :
Gerald N. Coleman, et al. :
Application No. 09/108,447 :
Filed: July 1, 1998 :
Attorney Docket No. 97-677 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 25, 2002, to revive the above identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.


The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 15, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 16, 2001.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1764 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, filed on September 25, 2002.


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